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## CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

### OIL FIELD WRECKED

INDIAN TERRITORY WELL RIGS LEVELLED BY STORM.

Three Persons Reported Killed in Vicinity of Sapulpa—One-Third of the Oil Well Rigs in the District Destroyed, Besides Many Houses.

A terrific storm in the nature of a cyclone followed by a cloudburst swept the oil fields of northern Indian Territory between 8 and 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Three persons are reported killed at Sapulpa, the heart of the great Glenn oil pool, where the storm was fiercest. Frank Roper is known to be dead and two others are said to have been found whose names are not known.

Water rushed down the streets of Sapulpa over a foot in depth. Plate glass was broken throughout the town and the roof torn from the hotel.

Over 150 derricks are reported down in the Glenn pool and it is said all the oil derricks in the Osage nation have been swept away. Fifty derricks are reported down at Turley, I. T. At Matze, I. T., houses were overturned and brick buildings demolished. Muskogee suffered no serious loss.

The general loss throughout the oil fields will be enormous, but at present cannot be estimated. Many wells are running wild, the oil flooding the land.

A conservative estimate places the number of rigs blown down in the Glenn pool at one-third the total. The combination oil and gas well at Sapulpa was struck by lightning and the fire cannot be brought under control. One building of the Creek orchards' home was struck and destroyed. The total loss by the storm is estimated at \$500,000.

### NEW TRIAL IS REFUSED.

Federal Judge Rules Against the Standard Oil Company. Federal Judge Landis, of Chicago, refused a new trial to the Standard Oil company, recently convicted of making shipments at illegal rates between Whiting, Ind., and East St. Louis. After a denial of several motions on the part of the defense the court announced he was desirous of obtaining information regarding the financial resources of the Standard, and ordered J. H. Howard, former auditor of the Alton, to take the witness stand.

After questioning Howard and several other witnesses without obtaining much information, Judge Landis ordered the issuance of subpoenas, returnable July 6, for the officers and directors of the Standard Oil company and the Union Tank line. Under the order the district attorney may summon John D. Rockefeller, H. H. Rogers or any other man connected with the Standard that he may desire to question.

### BOMB THROWN INTO THROUGH.

Horrible Outrage Committed in Russian City. A bomb was thrown Wednesday into Erivan square, in the center of Tiflis, Russia, which was thronged with people. The missile exploded with terrific force. Many persons were killed or injured, and windows and doors shattered over a large area. The police are preventing all approach to the scene of the outrage.

It later appeared that the outrage was connected with an attack on the treasury. A treasury wagon containing \$125,000, escorted by Cossacks, had reached Erivan square when the bomb was thrown and the explosion followed. The bags containing the money disappeared.

### New Cruiser Launched.

The scout cruiser Chester, one of the latest types of fast warships for the United States navy, was successfully launched Wednesday afternoon from the yard of the Bath Iron corporation, of Bath, Me.

### Harvard Closes 27th Year.

American oldest educational institution, Harvard university, Wednesday closed its 27th year, graduating a class of 550.

### Portugal's Cabinet to Stay.

It is officially announced that King Charles and Premier Franco are in accord and that there is no prospect of a ministerial crisis.

### Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Wednesday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$5.50 @ 6.40. Top hogs, \$5.85.

### Fear Outbreak in Russia.

Disquieting reports are coming from Krasnoye-Selo, Russia, where a dozen regiments are camping. The temper of the troops is bad, and every day there are misunderstandings.

### Carrie Nation Arrested.

For entering a saloon and raising a disturbance in Washington, D. C., Carrie Nation was arrested on the charge of disorderly conduct and placed in the house of detention.

## ROADS IN QUANDARY.

Confused Over Multiplicity of Pass Exemptions. Railroads in the west are in a quandary as to when they may issue free transportation without coming in contact with some state or national law. Under existing laws enacted by the several states regulating free transportation a minister may travel in one state free and in another he must pay full fare, whereas under the United States statute he may ride through both states on a pass.

Under the interstate commerce law ministers of religion, traveling secretaries of Young Men's Christian associations, inmates of hospitals, persons exclusively engaged in charitable work, destitute and homeless persons and inmates of state or national homes for soldiers and sailors may be transported free all over the United States. But Nebraska excludes all such persons from the favor of the transportation laws. Physicians and attorneys have always enjoyed the favor of the railroads, but they have been forgotten in almost all the state and national laws, but South Dakota demands they must receive a salary of \$500 per year in order to be entitled to free rides. Minnesota says the railroads when they discharge a man may, if they desire, give such discharged employee transportation to his home, but if he should happen to live over the line in some other state the interstate law would be violated by such action.

### HOW HE KILLED YOUNG ESTES.

Slayer of Virginian Tells Story on the Stand. During the trial of Judge Loving at Houston, Va., the judge said the morning of April 22 Sneed came to his office and said he had a painful story to tell regarding his daughter. Sneed said while he (Sneed) was out in a buggy riding the evening prior he saw Elizabeth Loving and Theodore Estes riding. E. L. Kidd came to the home of T. H. Stevens and inquired for Sneed, saying Miss Loving had returned from a buggy ride in a bad condition. Sneed went to the room of Mrs. Kidd and saw Miss Loving in bed. She was delirious and her condition was pitiful.

### WOULD DIE FOR HIS BROTHER.

Alabama Divine Wants to Take Place on Gallows. Joe Beeman, a negro preacher, Tuesday made application to the jailer at Montgomery, Ala., to be allowed to die on the gallows for his brother, David Beeman, the date of the execution being July 26.

The preacher says he will go to heaven and his brother, being a bad man, might not. His sacrifice would have a tendency to convert his brother, and both would thus get to heaven. The offer of the negro caused a wave of sympathy for both him and the condemned man and a petition is being circulated asking the governor to commute the sentence.

## CHURCHES WANT PEACE.

An Address Presented to the Conference at the Hague. The president of the peace conference, M. Neidhoff, Tuesday received a deputation from the Christian churches throughout the world, who presented an address urging the conference to insure peace, justice and humanity. The address was signed by all the leading churches of Great Britain except the Catholics, who refused to participate even indirectly in the conference, to which the pope was not invited. Nine American Catholic bishops signed the address.

### Head Torn from His Body.

While Ernest Black, of Quincy, Ind., was oiling pile driver machinery Tuesday he accidentally stuck his head directly over the top of a pile just as the iron weight, weighing several tons, was released. Black's head was mashed flat and completely torn from his body.

### To Abandon Fort Assiniboine.

A gradual abandonment of Fort Assiniboine, Mont., as an army post is contemplated by the war department. The department needs the men now required to maintain that post, as many other barracks and posts are only partially filled.

### Windstorms in Kansas.

Three distinct tornadoes struck Medicine Lodge, Kan., late Sunday night, destroying twenty-five houses, six persons were injured seriously and one is missing. No lives were lost.

### Raid on St. Petersburg Agitators.

The St. Petersburg police searched a department of the war ministry and found it to be the headquarters of one of the revolutionary groups. Much illegal literature was seized.

### Growing Discontent in Guatemala.

A cablegram was received Tuesday night saying the Guatemalan government had ordered a new forced assessment and that the discontent was growing.

## PLEA TO ROOSEVELT.

Striking Telegraphers to Seek Federal Aid. President Small, of the telegraphers' union, announced Monday afternoon that he would ask the aid of the United States government in the settlement of the strike at San Francisco. He said he would appeal to President Roosevelt and members of the cabinet to intercede on the ground that the transaction of business of national importance is being interfered with because of the strike. President Small asserts that when intervention is made by the president and cabinet officials it will be learned that the striking telegraphers are in nowise to blame for the strike.

A telegram was received by General Superintendent L. V. Storer, of the Postal Telegraph company in San Francisco, from Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph company. It is in substance as follows: While deeply regretting the situation, I feel that our men in abandoning their positions were unmindful and heedless of their duty to the public and the company, and guilty of unwarranted action. We shall take a firm stand and are determined to win regardless of the cost. With this view I hereby approve and confirm the instructions given you by the general manager, and in addition thereto you are authorized to say to our loyal men who stand by us in our difficulty: "All operators will be paid their regular salary as a bonus and their services will be computed as extra on a basis of seven hours per day or night. Should you deem it wise to do so you may also furnish free meals and lodging until the return of normal conditions."

### LOVING IS ON TRIAL.

Former Virginia Judge is Accused of Murder. The trial of former Judge W. G. Loving for the murder of Theodore Estes was begun at Houston, Ga., Monday. The trial promises to eclipse in interest the McCue and Strothers-Bywaters cases. It will put to test again the much-talked-of "Unwritten law."

### ATTORNEY FIRES AT VISITOR.

Alteration is Followed by Arrest and Counter Charge. Charles Clifton, an attorney, had an altercation in Fairbury on Friday evening with an insurance agent named Blakely, lately from St. Joseph, Mo., in the course of which Clifton pulled a gun. Blakely later declined to pay the rate of interest demanded by the state treasurer after July 1. They have notified the state treasurer that if he insists upon the 3 per cent rate they will not handle any state money. The reason given by the two banks for turning down state money at the increased rate is that they pay their local depositors 3 per cent and do not have to give bond, whereas if they take state money they are compelled to catch bond and lose their own balance and feel to the ground, about twenty-five feet below. His left arm and collar bone were both dislocated. He also received serious internal injuries, besides being badly cut and bruised. He is in a very critical condition.

### NO 3 PER CENT AT HASTINGS.

Banks Notify State Treasurer His Demand Will Not Be Met. The First National bank and the German National bank, the two state depositories in Hastings, have declined to pay the rate of interest demanded by the state treasurer after July 1. They have notified the state treasurer that if he insists upon the 3 per cent rate they will not handle any state money. The reason given by the two banks for turning down state money at the increased rate is that they pay their local depositors 3 per cent and do not have to give bond, whereas if they take state money they are compelled to catch bond and lose their own balance and feel to the ground, about twenty-five feet below. His left arm and collar bone were both dislocated. He also received serious internal injuries, besides being badly cut and bruised. He is in a very critical condition.

### HITS THE TRADING STAMPS.

Washington Law Provides They Must Have a Cash Value. Washington's "green stamp" law, which provides that trading stamps must have a cash value and that they must be redeemable in any quantity and at any time, has gone into effect, and as a result several concerns will have to go out of business. The law, which was drawn by Senator W. D. Scott, specifies that these words must be printed on each coupon: "Cash value at any premium station in Washington, cent, but average merchandise value, according to our premium list 2 1/2 cents." Senator Scott says he believes it will stand the test of the supreme court.

### Boy Held for Capital Crime.

Clyde Glidden, aged 7 years, is in jail at Parkersburg, W. Va., on a charge of incendiarism. It being alleged that he burned two houses a week ago. The houses were occupied and the families barely escaped with their lives. The penalty for the crime of which the boy is charged in that state is death unless the jury recommends mercy, and then it is life imprisonment.

### Denounces Call on Clemenceau.

M. Ferroul, the ex-mayor of Narbonne, France, who is in prison at Montpellier, declared that he would take the first opportunity to publicly disavow the action of Marcelin Albert in calling upon Premier Clemenceau at Paris on Sunday.

### Signs San Domingo Treaty.

President Roosevelt Monday signed the treaty regulating Santo Domingo's customs matters. The treaty had been approved by the United States senate and the legislative body of Santo Domingo.

### WESTERN LEAGUE BASEBALL.

Schedule of Games to Be Played at Sioux City Ia. Following is a schedule of the Western League games to be played at Sioux City in the immediate future: Omaha ..... July 6, 7, 8 Denver ..... July 5, 10, 11 Pueblo ..... July 12, 13, 14

### Beyond Their Depth.

Henry Zopf and Herman Ludwig were drowned in Big Walnut creek, near Columbus, O., Sunday while bathing. Neither could swim and they got beyond their depth.

### Accept Mrs. Sage's Gift.

The medical board of the New York City hospital have formally accepted Mrs. Russell Sage's gift of \$300,000 for the formation of an adjunct to the city hospital on Blackwell's island.

# Nebraska State News

## NEBRASKA INTEREST TOO HIGH.

Lending Banks Refuse to Take State Money at Increased Rate. The banks of Omaha and Lincoln designated as state depositories have declined to accept deposits of state money at the increased rate of 3 per cent, as designated by the state treasurer, effective July 1. The ruling rate has been 2 per cent for many years, but a week ago it was decided to raise it to 3 per cent. Formal notice has been given by these banks that they will not pay the rate, and the state funds now on deposit will probably be withdrawn.

It is also stated in banking circles that all other banks which have heretofore carried state deposits at 2 per cent will decline to pay the increased rate. The state carries about \$500,000 in the Omaha and Lincoln banks. The principal reasons advanced for declining to accept the advance is that the ruling business rate is 2 per cent, and it is stated that monetary conditions do not at this time warrant an advance of 1 per cent, notwithstanding the state treasurer declares he has many demands from small banks for state funds at that rate. Each bank carrying a deposit of state funds is required to furnish a surety bond as protection to the commonwealth, and the expense of this bond, the bankers say, is another reason for refusing to pay a higher rate. They allege that the action of the state treasurer is equal to a repudiation of contracts with the banks entered into at the time the new bonds were given, under the apprehension that the rate should remain at 2 per cent.

### State Board of Assessment Declares Demands Are Trivial.

The state board of assessment at Lincoln filed with the supreme court its answer to the mandamus suit of the Union Pacific railroad demanding that the board answer certain questions relative to railroad assessments. The board declares the demands of the railroad company are trivial in character and not made for the purpose of helping the board to arrive at a correct conclusion respecting certain questions. It is in contempt of the state's laws and of the board's authority. No beneficial results could possibly accrue if the board were to do as requested by the railroad system, while its record would be unnecessarily encumbered.

### ACCIDENT AT VALENTINE.

Two Men Hurt by Fall from Scaffold. While working on a scaffold clapping the new residence of W. A. Pettycree in Valentine, Floyd, son of Mr. Pettycree, lost his balance and fell to a second scaffold about twelve feet below, wrenching his back quite badly. Clyde Carpenter, his cousin, who was working with him, made a lunge to catch Floyd and lost his own balance and fell to the ground, about twenty-five feet below. His left arm and collar bone were both dislocated. He also received serious internal injuries, besides being badly cut and bruised. He is in a very critical condition.

### University Warrants Issue.

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### Demand for State Deposits.

Treasurer Brian will have no trouble in depositing all the money he can get together at 3 per cent interest, notwithstanding the Omaha banks will not take the money at that rate and neither will the Lincoln banks, except the Farmers and Merchants, which has notified the office it is willing to pay the increased rate.

### Fire at Neligh.

Fred Meyer, who lives on a farm in Elm township, near Neligh, had the misfortune to lose his home and all its contents except the clothing they had on by fire last week. They were had on and knew nothing of the fire till the roof fell in upon the second floor and barely escaped with their lives.

### Nebraskans Receive Degrees.

Ona Reed, of Hastings, received the degree of bachelor of letters at Milwaukee Downer college. Two Nebraskans will receive the bachelor of science degree from Sheffield Scientific school of Yale June 26. They are Denise Barkalow, of Omaha, and Floyd Kindley Hamilton, of Ogallala.

### Woodmen Unveil Monument.

The W. O. W. unveiled a monument in the Tokamah cemetery in honor of Nora E. Bradley before a large crowd of people.

## MOTHER SLAIN BY SON.

Boy Murders Her Because She Had Punished Him.

The supposed accidental shooting of Mrs. Thomas McCoy, in the northwest part of Rock county, by her 16-year-old son, proved to have been a case of deliberate murder, the boy having confessed to County Attorney Douglas and later to several other persons that he shot his mother because she had punished him severely. The shooting occurred Friday, Saturday the officers went out to hold the inquest, at which it was developed that the shooting was intentional and the coroner's jury returned a verdict accordingly.

The boy had claimed that he shot his mother accidentally while shooting at a meadow mark, but he confessed to the county attorney, and later to several persons, that he shot her intentionally, and gave as a reason the fact that she had been in the habit of punishing him severely. In his confession he stated that he got the gun in the house while his mother's back was turned, placed loaded shells in three empty chambers, put the weapon in his pocket, followed close behind her to the field where she was going to plant some beans, and while she was getting the seed ready for planting he at the distance of about ten feet, drew the gun, and deliberately aiming it at the back of her head, fired and killed her instantly. After she fell he shot her again in the side and then dropped the gun and ran to where a couple of his brothers were working in the same field.

### DEAD MAN'S PAL IS ARRESTED.

W. J. Sloan Suspected of Knowing Something of Hermann's Death. W. J. Sloan, a member of a railroad construction gang, was arrested at Gretna under order of Sheriff Dunkle, of Grand Island, being suspected of knowing something of the supposed murder of Frank Hermann, whose badly decomposed body was found in a strawstack last week. Sloan is known to have worked with Hermann and to have left Omaha with Hermann about May 14 or 15 for the western part of the state. Hermann never showed up. Sloan admits being in Grand Island about the time, but denies the crime. Hermann drew his money just before leaving Omaha, but when his body was found his watch was gone and there was no money on his person.

### ANSWERS NEBRASKA ROADS.

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# Labour World

## There are 2,500,000 skilled laborers in Germany earning between 42 cents and 75 cents a day.

A recent ruling makes Fargo (N. D.) unions eligible to membership in the Minnesota State Federation.

In Harrisburg, Ill., there are eight mills using the union label of the Flour and Cereal Mill Workers' Union. All the road roller engineers are now in the hoisting and portable engineers' union by an international decision. Union men at Toronto, Canada, assert that plumbers are being brought from England to take the places of the strikers.

### Horsehoers employed by the city of Boston have been granted the 1907 wage scale of Boston Journeymen Horsehoers' Union.

A labor and capital love feast to take place on July 4 is being arranged by a number of labor leaders and business men of Chicago.

Eight hundred union barbers in Chicago have been granted a new schedule of wages and working conditions by their employers.

The Provision Trades' Council of Chicago and vicinity represents more than 15,000 individuals employed producing or handling provisions.

A new organization of vehicle painters has been organized at Chicago. It is known as the Chicago Carriage, Wagon and Auto Painters' Union.

On and after Oct. 1 the members of the Operative Plasterers' Union of Boston, Mass., will receive 10 per cent increase, which will make their wages \$4.80 a day.

Local union, No. 21, of the Garment Workers, made up of women working at the trade in Pittsburgh, Pa., has started an agitation for the Garment Workers' union label.

United Hatters' International Union has established an international death benefit system and also extended its jurisdiction so as to include the men who make men's straw hats.

The labor unions of Minneapolis, Minn., are to conduct a crusade against all concerns which do a Sunday business in that city. This is against all concerns where labor is employed seven days in the week.

Musicians' local, No. 6, which has its jurisdiction San Francisco, Cal.; Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley and Point Richmond, now has about 1,000 names on its membership roll, which includes all classes of musicians.

The Machinists' Union of Pittsburgh, Pa., is devoting some time to the betterment of conditions in the city. Recently it appointed a committee to see that a better car service was established. It proposes to interest all other labor organizations in the matter.

In the Chicago Federation of Labor there are 440 local unions which, in addition to the leading industries, has unions of chandeliers makers, coffee roasters, egg inspectors, feather duster makers, gold beaters, hair spinners, pastermenters makers, tuck pointers, front cleaners, wardrobe tenders and well drillers.

Plumbers of Omaha, Neb., have returned to work in the closed shop and at an increase of 50 cents a day in wages. The plumbers won by the undivided support of organized labor. There was no arbitration agreement to the settlement, the master plumbers agreeing to the demands of the union, and the victory was a complete one.

During the last year great strides have been made in organizing the building trade mechanics of the Southern States. In cities and towns where last year there were no organizations at all there are now lively local unions of different crafts, while in localities where a year ago unions barely existed they are now in a healthy condition and thriving.

Among the larger labor unions in Germany are the clothing industry, with 242,000 workers, receiving 80 cents a day; the Saxon textile industry with 225,000 workers, averaging 75 cents; North German Textile Union, with 124,000 workers, wages 65 cents; South German textile union, with 124,000 workers, wages 55 cents, and the tobacco industry, with 153,000, wages 40 cents. The lowest rate of all is paid to the textile union of Silesia, 42 cents.

Canals of Mars Illusory. Prof. E. A. Douglas of the University of Arizona, in an article for the Popular Science Monthly, advances the theory that some of the so-called canals on the surface of the planet Mars have a real existence, but are due to an optical illusion. He does not question the reality of the larger markings of canals, but doubts the existence of the network of the smaller waterways. Prof. Douglas' theory starts with the observation of the halo that may be seen around a small black spot when regarded from the distance of six to eight feet, and which also is often noticed around notes floating in the field of vision. He finds that the cause lies in the obscure reactions that change light waves into nerve impulses. He also calls attention to the rays that may be seen about a black spot on a light ground similar to those about a bright spot, such as a star, on a dark ground. These are attributable to irregular refraction in the eye, and account, in his opinion, for many faint canals radiating from the spots on Mars called lakes or seas.

\$1,000,000 for Hospital. Henry C. Phipps, of Pittsburgh iron man, whose wealth made possible the great institution for the study of tuberculosis at Philadelphia, has given \$1,000,000 more for the purchase of a block of land near Seventh and Loggans, in the heart of the crowded section, where the assumption is the highest, on which to erect the hospital building. More millions are to follow this in carrying the war against the white plague. Dr. Lawrence Flick will have charge of the hospital.

Record Plunge of Octopus. The performance of the submarine boat Octopus, June 9, when it sank to the depth of 205 feet below the level of the ocean off Boston harbor, is unparalleled in the naval history of the world. At that depth the pressure of the sea was 90 pounds to every square inch of the boat's surface, but not a bolt or a seam was disturbed, nor was there a sign of a leak, and the wonderful vessel made the trip back to Boston under her own power. During this plunge it was thought unsafe for the crew to remain in the vessel and they remained on board the accompanying tender, lowering their craft to the bottom by means of cable and derricks. It required fifteen minutes for the Octopus to sink to the depth of 205 feet. The boat is now ready for her acceptance trial.

At Rapid City, S. D., Secretary Taft was presented with a handsome Indian tomahawk, a souvenir of his first visit to the hills; and at Fort Meade he was given a fine Indian bead-work bride.